

Legal Notice  
For  
Air Quality Operating Permit  
for El Paso Electric - Rio Grande Generating Station of El Paso Electric Company

El Paso Electric Company at PO Box 982; El Paso, TX 79960 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for its El Paso Electric - Rio Grande Generating Station. The owner of this plant is El Paso Electric Company. The exact location of the facility is/will be at latitude and longitude decimal degrees: 31.804833, -106.547389 Datum: NAD27. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 3501 Doniphan Rd in Dona Ana County, NM. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P127-R4, an Acid Rain Permit Number P127-AR4 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 122.

Previously, the facility received an air quality construction permit and is in operation.

The main purpose of the facility is to generate electric power.

This operating permit application is for a permit renewal. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action involves renewal of the existing Title V permit P127-R3 and existing acid rain permit P127-AR3.

There are no changes to the existing air emission limits in this permitting action.

The NMED has conducted a preliminary review of the information submitted with the permit application. This review included evaluation of the emission rates and applicable requirements to determine compliance.

The NMED has made a preliminary determination that this facility will comply with the requirements of Title 20, New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), Chapter 2, Parts 7, 33, 61, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77 and 84; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 60 Subparts A, IIII; 40 CFR 63 Subparts A, ZZZZ; 40 CFR 72; 40 CFR 73; 40 CFR 75; 40 CFR 77 and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act. Therefore, the preliminary intent of NMED is to issue the air quality operating permit on or before March 29, 2022.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P127-R4 by contacting Urshula Bajracharya at the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816, or by email at [Urshula.Bajracharya@state.nm.us](mailto:Urshula.Bajracharya@state.nm.us).

Written requests for public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Comments must be based on the requirements of the applicable state and federal air quality regulations and the Clean Air Act. Comments or hearing requests must be received within 30 days after the public notice is published.

Due to the public health emergency order, certain NMED offices are closed to the public. The permit application is currently available for review on the AQB Public Notices of Permitting Actions website <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/>. The Department contact in Santa Fe is Urshula Bajracharya at 505-629-8883.

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